



St. Patrick School

Academic Excellence, Christian Values

St. Patrick Kindergarten Zero (K0) Program 2019-2020 School Year

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Section 1: Admission and Age Requirement

Admission is open to all children without regard to race, color, or religious affiliation. Since we are a Catholic Parish School, we will ask that all children participate in daily prayer and attend Masses with the school.

Admission age and policy for class placement:

Children must be 3 years old on or before August 31.

As with all new students, any child applying to K0 will be subject to a probationary time period.

Section 2: Mission and History

Saint Patrick School is committed to serving generations of students and families, providing Catholic Doctrine, Christian values and a strong academic curriculum in a nurturing and peaceful environment. Saint Patrick School continues to teach the values of truth, morality, and spirituality to a richly diverse population.

It was in September, 1887 that seven Sisters of Charity came to Saint Patrick School at the invitation of Father Joseph H. Gallagher. Their students came from a predominantly Irish Catholic Parish Community. From 1960 to the present, an influx of newcomers from Cape Verde, Haiti, Africa, Puerto Rico, Central and South American, and the West Indies, have created a rich cultural fabric.

Today, our student body is representative of 16 different countries, 9 languages, and 8 different religions. Our students come mostly from the areas of Roxbury, Dorchester, Mattapan, Jamaica Plain, Hyde Park, and Roslindale.

We cherish our Catholic identity as it stems from a strong commitment of the Church that has traditionally placed the education of youth as high priority. We believe that education should enable and ennoble at the same time. We are committed to academic excellence and to Christian values.

We provide the strong moral, social, and academic foundation needed for success on the secondary level and beyond. We aim to provide a safe, peaceful, happy learning environment for children from Pre-K to grade 6.

As dedicated, qualified, and faith-filled faculty carry on the tradition of welcoming new students and sharing their Christian values and knowledge as well as gleaned from the richness of the students' cultures.



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Section 3: Philosophy

As a Catholic School, our priority is to provide a quality education that includes:

The development of the whole person:

- Spiritual
- Intellectual
- Social
- Emotional
- Psychological

We believe that cooperation is the hallmark of Saint Patrick School and everyone who is a part of the school community contributes to the cooperative effort of:

- Education
- Fund-raising
- Volunteering
- Faith-Sharing

The standard life in the school community includes:

- Christian moral virtues of loving concern and respect for others
- Mutual Trust
- Non-Violence
- Service to those in need
- Justice toward all



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Section 4: Application and Registration

We are excited to be able to offer our parents, church members, staff, and prospective new students a fair, nonbiased enrollment process. Our goal is to provide a safe learning environment within our school, church and community, and to give every prospective applicant, equality in the enrollment process.

Completed applications are due as soon as possible.

Applications can be picked up at the school's office Monday through Friday. Upon acceptance a letter of intent will be presented to you. This serves as your enrollment confirmation. A deposit of \$600 is required to hold your child's seat.

Section 5: Tuition

- The balance of tuition after the initial \$600 deposit is divided into 8 monthly payments for the school year (September through April).
- Tuition is due the first week of each month and is considered late after the 15th of each month.
- A statement will go in your child's communication folder each month. Please make checks payable to **St. Patrick School**
- *Tuition payments are separate from the registration fee.* Tuition assistance for the preschool program is available on a limited basis through FACTS Grant & Aid Tuition Assistance. Please contact the school at 617-427-3881 for further details.



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Section 6: Potty Training Policy

Students enrolled in the K0 class **MUST** be toilet trained before the first day of school.

Section 7: School Uniform Policy

The uniform policy for all the Kindergarten Zero students will be as follows:

- Navy blue Sweatpants (elastic waist)
- St. Patrick School navy blue T-shirt (either short or long sleeves)
- St. Patrick School navy blue Sweatshirt
- Sneakers with **Velcro closure required** for all Pre-K students (no exceptions!)